

Shared Framework Title	LETHAL DRONES & TARGETED KILLINGS
Amount Requested	\$25,000.00 USD
Detail on Amount Requested (Optional)	The total budget for this proposed consultation is \$53,533 USD. The grantee is seeking \$25,000 from OSF and is receiving the remaining amount from two additional donors (see below for details).
Background (Optional)	<p>Last November, the UN Secretary General, at the recommendation of the Advisory Board on Disarmament Matters, commissioned a study on drones that will cover, among other issues, applicable legal principles, improving and creating new, international mechanisms for transparency, CBMs, and accountability relating to the transfer and use of drones.</p> <p>In response to this commissioned study, the United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs (UNODA) proposes a 1.5 day consultation (June 15-16) of leading experts to discuss methods of improving transparency, oversight and accountability over the use of armed drones outside of armed conflict. The goal is to have the findings feed into the larger UN study and to submit them to the 2015 UN General Assembly.</p> <p>The selected participants in this proposed consultation will include: civil society representatives, international experts (including the relevant UN Special Rapporteurs), and relevant government representatives.</p> <p>UNODA seeks \$25,000 USD in funding from OSF. The total budget for this proposed consultation is \$53,533 USD. UNODA has secured half of the necessary funding from other sources (\$10,000 from Kazakhstan from a prior unallocated contribution; €15,000 from Germany; and unspecified in-kind support from Switzerland).</p> <p>Without funding from OSF, UNODA will have to forgo the entire consultation, and will proceed with a report without the civil society, expert, and state input that such a convening will provide.</p>
Summary of Plans and Relation to Overall Shared Framework Goals (100 words)	This grant will contribute directly to Goal 2 and likely Goal 3, proving to be a first, critical step in generating international pressure and momentum for new legal and policy guidance on national, regional and international levels. Specifically, Goal 2 would be advanced by facilitating debate and expanding engagement with EU and non-western states on the issue of drones and targeted killing. This initiative may also help advance goal 3 to the extent that it can constructively engage and influence user, supporting, or affected states which seems likely given UNODA's priority of engaging such states in the consultation.

Activities Proposed (500 words)	This initiative will enable civil society to directly engage state representatives, and holds the promise of facilitating, for the first time, state-to-state dialogue in the UNGA or through UN-sponsored working groups on drones and increasing transparency and accountability. There are limited openings for UN advocacy and for directly engaging states, particularly outside the more politicized UNHRC, and this could be an opportune forum and moment.
Summary for Board Reports (100 words)	The United Nations Office of Disarmament Affairs (UNODA) seeks funding for a consultation with civil society, international experts, and state representatives on drones and targeted killings outside of armed conflict. This grant will be a step in generating international pressure for new legal and policy guidance on the issue at the national, regional and international levels. The consultation will facilitate debate and expand engagement with EU and non-western states on the issue of drones and targeted killing. This initiative also provides a potential forum for constructively engaging user, supporting, or affected states.
Collaborating Programs within OSF and essential partners or grantees	Regional Policy Initiative will take the lead on this grant but naturally will seek input and guidance from all parts of OSF active in this Shared Framework. The UN Institute for Disarmament Research, based in Geneva, will provide UNODA with organizational assistance for the consultation (but will not receive grant money).
Contributions expected from Collaborating Programs (250 words)	None.
Statement of who within OSF would guide the work	Chris Rogers, Regional Policy Initiative

Approver (Lead) <i>(See list on Reserve Funds KARL)</i>	Name	James Goldston
	Date Approved	15 April 2015
Approver (Lead) Notes / Comments (Optional) <i>(To be completed by approver only)</i>		
Urgency level for grant approval & payments	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not Rapid Response	<input type="checkbox"/> Rapid Response <i>(See procedure on KARL)</i>
	Amount:	\$25,000

If approved, where to allocate the budget? <i>(If the budget is split between multiple programs, please copy/paste this section as needed.)</i>	Category of Work:	SFS007 SHARED FRAMEWORK: Lethal Drones & Targeted Killings
	Division/Program Code:	45837
	Entity <i>(i.e., FPOS, ZUG)</i> :	FPOS
	Fund Class:	Non-Lobbying
	Geography <i>(of benefit)</i> :	Global/Policy